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RE: RSPA-2002-13658 (HM-215E) Harmonization With the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions

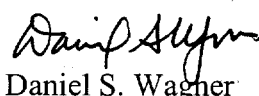
Dear Sir or Madam:

The International Sanitary Supply Association (ISSA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket RSPA-2002-13658 (HM-215E), RSPA's Proposed Rule regarding Harmonization With the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions. At this time, however, ISSA respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the comment period until March 5, 2003.

ISSA is concerned that the Association will not have sufficient time to receive appropriate member feedback concerning the proposed regulations prior to the current comment submission deadline. Due to the Holidays and the time pressures associated with them, some Association members have not yet been able to respond to ISSA's request for feedback on the proposal, making it difficult for ISSA to adequately represent the entire industry as a whole.

ISSA stresses that importance that stakeholders be given appropriate opportunity to provide their opinions and views and, therefore, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the comment period until March 5, 2003.

Sincerely,



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